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Letters of Permission and Students of the Pre-Teachers'-College Summer Courses and Students of the First Year of the Two-year Course at Teachers' Colleges.

Two courses, each leading to an interim teaching certificate valid in the elementary schools of Ontario, are now offered to applicants holding the Secondary School Graduation Diploma of the General Course at the Grade XII level: (i) the Two-year Course at the Teachers' Colleges, and (ii) the In-Service Course consisting of two Pre-Teachers'-College Summer Courses each followed by at least six months of teaching on a Temporary Certificate in the public or separate schools of Ontario, and, in addition, a one-year Completing Course at Teachers' College.

Inquiries are being received from time to time regarding the possibility of a student who has been enrolled in either of these courses but who has not successfully completed it being permitted to accept employment by a Board of Trustees under a Letter of Permission. It is clear, however, that if Letters of Permission were issued authorizing the employment of students who have not completed their courses, the plan of obtaining well-prepared teachers from Grade XII graduates would become ineffective. The attendance requirements were stated when both courses were introduced, and it is in the best interests of both the student teachers and the elementary schools that the courses undertaken be completed.

In order that no misunderstandings may arise, notice is hereby given that a Letter of Permission will not be issued on behalf of a student,

- (i) who has attended the First Year of the Two-year Course at Teachers' College and has failed in the First Year, or who holds standing in the First Year of the Two-year Course but has not attended the Second Year of the Course; or
- (ii) who has completed successfully the First Year of the Pre-Teachers'-College Summer Course but has not returned to attend the Second Year of the Summer Course, or who has completed successfully both the First Year and the Second Year of the Pre-Teachers'-College Summer Course but has not attended the one-year Completing Course at a Teachers' College.

It is further pointed out that a Letter of Permission will not be issued to a Board of Trustees on behalf of a student for more than one year subsequent to the date of his failure in a Pre-Teachers'-College Summer Course, First or Second Year.

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